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1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN MALTA. A SEPARATE MESSAGE
WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE,
IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. DENIAL OF MALTESE FACILITIES TO NAVAL SHIPS AND
MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF THE USSR AND WARSAW PACT POWERS.

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-- OPPOSE THE FORMATION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS
WITH THE USSR.
-- MONITOR CLOSELY MALTA'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP POLITICO/
MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH ITS NEIGHBORING STATES SO THAT

APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY ACTION CAN BE TAKEN BY THE US
GOVERNMENT TO DISCOURAGE ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE OR

BECOME INIMICAL TO OUR INTERESTS.

-- EXPLORE REALISTIC WAYS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SELF-SUSTAINING MALTESE ECONOMY LESS DEPENDENT ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE AND THUS MAKE MALTA LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO INFLUENCES INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR SECURITY INTERESTS.

II. POLITICO/SECURITY ORIENTATION TO THE WEST.

-- ENCOURAGE OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES (E.G., FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN AND GERMANY) TO CONTINUE A DIALOGUE WITH MINTOFF TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE BILATERAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTING TO A SELF-SUSTAINING ECONOMY AND, IN TURN, ENSURING POLITICO-MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO WESTERN INTERESTS.

-- MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT POSITION THAT THE US DOES NOT NOW FORESEE FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA IN THE POST-1979 PERIOD.

-- FOCUS VISITOR PROGRAMS ON POLITICAL FIGURES, ECONOMIC LEADERS, AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC MEDIA.

-- WORK WITH THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN MALTA IN PREPARATION FOR THE ADVENT OF A FRIENDLIER GOVERNMENT, WHILE MAINTAINING THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESENT LABOR GOVERNMENT.

-- EMPHASIZE AND BROADEN OUR INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITY IN MALTA TO REMIND THE MALTESE OF THE ADVANTAGES
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FOR THEM OF PRESERVING THEIR TRADITIONAL WESTERN ORIENTATION.

-- ENCOURAGE EXPANDED BILATERAL CONTACTS, IN THE POLITICAL, LABOR, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS, THROUGH PRIVATE AS WELL AS OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

-- WORK FOR GREATER APPRECIATION BY MALTA OF US INTERESTS AT THE UN AND IN OTHER SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE US, E.G., PUERTO RICO.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALTESE ECONOMY WITH A FIRM WESTERN ORIENTATION.

-- PROMOTE MEANS BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR -- EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN -- CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GROWTH IN MALTA; E.G., INVESTMENT, TOURISM, EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE.

-- FOSTER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MALTESE CLIMATE OF INVESTMENT, BOTH BY ENCOURAGING A MORE AGGRESSIVE EFFORT BY MALTA TO PUBLICIZE WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER AND BY REMINDING MINTOFF OF THE IMPACT ON THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS.

-- SEEK A RESOLUTION OF THE US GOVERNMENT CLAIM AGAINST MALTA ARISING FROM ITS TAKEOVER OF THE PHOENIX TEXTILE COMPANY.

-- CLOSELY MONITOR MALTESE ECONOMIC INDICATORS, ESPECIALLY THOSE AFFECTING THE NEED FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE CRITICAL POST-1979 PERIOD.

IV. MALTESE ASSISTANCE ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.

-- SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE MALTESE PARTICIPATION WITH US IN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. MAKE CLEAR TO HOST COUNTRY US POLICY DECISIONS BEARING ON COMMODITIES, DEBT, PURPOSE OF AID PROGRAMS, ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS, ETC., AND SEEK MALTESE SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS IN MULTILATERAL FORA
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WHERE THESE ISSUES WILL BE DEALT WITH. ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE ON THESE SUBJECTS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF COOPERATIVE APPROACH AMONG THE INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

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